

FEDERAL DIRECTION OF COAL, AIM OF BILL

Bland's House Measure Suggested by 'New York Herald' Editorial.

TO REGULATE OUTPUT

'Agency' Would Be Empowered to Get All Facts From Operators.

NUMBER TO BE REDUCED

All-Year Production and Laws to End Labor Disputes Also Sought.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
New York Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C., April 18.

Representative Bland (Ind.) introduced a bill in the House to-day which aims to provide an investigating agency for the coal business. The measure is an outcome of the editorial suggestion made some days ago by THE NEW YORK HERALD. It aims, first of all, to procure facts relative to the coal industry on the assumption that this is a matter of interstate commerce concern, and, therefore, as amenable to regulation as railroads.

Representative Bland's bill was submitted to the House Committee on Labor as a substitute for the committee's bill dealing with the coal industry. It will be taken up Thursday. Chairman Nolan of the committee stated that on the same date the Internal Revenue office would submit reports on the income tax returns of coal corporations.

In introducing his bill Representative Bland explained that to deal with the coal situation it was necessary first of all to ascertain the real facts.

One of the objects he has in mind is to obtain control of the industry which will regulate the production of coal so it may be mined in equal quantities in summer as well as winter. He believes there are too many coal operating concerns and by reducing their number he would regulate employment so it would run the year around.

His bill provides that authority shall be given to call upon the Federal Trade Commission, the Internal Revenue Bureau and the Interstate Commerce Commission for all information they possess concerning the coal industry as a whole. Coal operators would be compelled to produce all their books and records and give such verbal testimony as might be deemed important.

His coal investigating agency would continue for a period of two years and report to Congress and to the President. No trade secrets would be divulged, except in confidential reports to Congress and the President.

The agency would be made up of the Director of the Geological Survey, the Director of the Bureau of Mines, the Director of the Bureau of Census and the Commissioner of Labor Statistics. In addition, the President is authorized to name six additional members, who shall equally represent the miners, the operators and the public. These appointed members are to receive \$6,000 a year.

The duty of the agency will be to look into every phase of the relations between miners and operators, as well as all phases of the industry as a whole, including ownership of mines and physical valuation. The report aims to "provide information for the Congress" as a basis for legislation to settle industrial disputes in and prevent the overdevelopment of the coal industry, to stabilize and to levy taxes in respect to such industry and to regulate commerce in coal among the several States and with foreign nations."

\$5,000,000 Easter Gain in Atlantic City Trade

ATLANTIC CITY, April 18.—This city's Easter week end business was more than 20 per cent. larger than last year, leading shore bankers asserted to-day. It was estimated that the increased deposits over last year will amount to about \$5,000,000.

ASKS GOV. STEPHENS TO PARDON MOONEY

San Francisco's District Attorney Also Requests Release of Billings.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—District Attorney Matthew Brady of San Francisco city and county to-day sent a letter to Gov. Stephens asking him to pardon Thomas J. Mooney and Warren K. Billings, who are serving life sentences for murder in connection with a bomb explosion here on July 22, 1916, during a parade when ten persons were killed and fourteen injured.

"I believe no person who permits himself to analyze the situation," Brady's letter said, "entertains any doubt that Mooney and Billings were convicted on false testimony. The only reason for keeping them in prison is that they are undesirable citizens."

"The situation is one that comes clearly within the purpose of the provision granting the Governor power to pardon."

Brady said he agreed with those who condemn the attitude of Mooney and Billings "toward our political institutions," but he thought "the continued imprisonment of men convicted on testimony generally regarded as false is more destructive of these institutions than anything agitators like Mooney and Billings, have it within their power to do."

Brady's letter added that the testimony of the State's principal witnesses was false and that the testimony of another was untrustworthy.

BANK PROVIDES SALON FOR WOMEN PATRONS

Columbia Trust's New Branch Offers Innovation.

The feminine hand has had so much to do with the decoration and arrangement of the women's department of the Columbia Trust Company's new branch at Park avenue and Forty-eighth street that a description of the interior sounds more like that of a modiste's salon than a counting house. A Georgian morning room of the eighteenth century has been provided for the especial accommodation of women customers.

It is some of the items in the decorative scheme of the new women's room: Curtains of English net and glazed chintz; brown mahogany and walnut furniture by Chippendale, Sheraton and Heppelwhite; lighting by iron lamps with parchment shades and smaller porcelain lamps with painted chintz shades; little squares of mirrors by the two ceiling windows, with a hand clock between them; old colored prints on the walls and a heavy gray carpet on the floor.

The head of the new department is Miss Virginia Furman. She said yesterday: "Many women say they are almost afraid to enter the old type of bank. Its atmosphere is so forbidding and oppressive that a woman dislikes to transact her business there. Most women are somewhat untrained in the technique and phraseology of banking and they have a need for some one who can undertake their problems and give them authoritative as well as personal advice. Also, I believe that many women would feel more inclined to divulge their financial problems to a woman than to a man, who, they feel, makes no particular effort to put his explanations and comments into non-technical language."

MRS. COLFORD ACTS ON TAX.

Mrs. Cathleen N. Colford, who formerly was the wife of Reginald Vanderbilt, filed a petition in the Supreme Court yesterday in support of her previous motion to vacate an assessment of \$25,000 for taxes based upon an estimated value of \$1,000,000 fixed upon her personal estate in 1919, with accumulated interest at 7 per cent. She denied the assessment on the ground of non-residence, having married Mr. Vanderbilt in Newport and retained her residence there until August, 1920. A small bank deposit in New York, it was set forth in her petition, was part of an allowance for her support and the support of her daughter.

130 NONUNION MINES ARE REPORTED DOWN

Union Head Claims 85 Per Cent. in Connellsville Field Are Closed.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
PITTSBURGH, April 18.—Giving the names of 130 coal mines closed by the strike in Fayette, Westmoreland and Greene counties, P. T. Fagan, vice-president of district 5, United Mine Workers, to-night made the assertion that this territory, including the famous Connellsville coke field, which supplies the United States Steel Corporation and other steel industries with the coke that is indispensable to modern steel making, is "85 per cent. down." All the mines named were non-union.

That the outlook for the continued operation of mines which have not felt the full force of the strike and for the resumption of those which have been shut down for several days is discouraging was admitted by an official of the United States Steel Corporation.

First arrests of union organizers by State troopers was reported to mine workers' headquarters to-night from Export, Westmoreland county. Patrick Haggan and James Rossa, organizers, were taken into custody and hurried to Greensburg for a hearing.

MODIFIES INJUNCTION IN THE MINGO FIELDS

But W. Va. Miners Are Restrained From Violence.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., April 18.—Clauses in an injunction issued in the Federal court here, which would forbid maintenance of tent colonies of strikers in Mingo county, were suspended by a supersedeas by Judge Knapp of the Fourth Circuit Court, filed to-day.

The order, however, excepts clauses restraining the mine workers from violence and from attempting to incite by intimidation employees to break contracts with the Borderland Coal Company and other operators, who appeared as plaintiffs in the Borderland case.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 18.—Strikers in the Kansas coal fields have received their last aid, at least for the present, from the Illinois United Mine Workers. It was announced at State Headquarters here to-day. Relief has continued for six months, in which time the Illinois workers provided the Illinois strikers \$220,000 worth of provisions.

INTERBORO AND B. R. T. COAL SUPPLY SURVEYED

Between One and Two Months' Fuel in Sight.

The Transit Commission's engineers have made another survey of the available and prospective coal supply of the Interborough and Brooklyn Rapid Transit roads.

The Interborough reports 26,000 tons at the power house and on barges, 5,000 tons on barges purchased in the open market and 16,000 tons on barges at Hampton Roads, some on the way to New York. This makes a total of what might be called coal on hand of 47,000 tons. The contractors, namely, the Consolidated Company and the Berwind-White Company, are expected to deliver 50,000 tons during the remainder of April, which would make a total of 67,000 tons in sight. This is slightly more than one month's supply.

The Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company reports 11,735 tons of bituminous coal at the Williamsburg power house station, 7,580 tons at the Central power station, 8,729 tons of anthracite at the Central power station and 30,488 tons in storage at the Roosevelt, S. I. This is a total of more than 58,000 tons and represents at least sixty days' supply.

HARD COAL MEN CONFERRING.

Anthracite Operators Presenting Employers' Side.

The wage scale conference between anthracite operators and workers resumed its sessions at the Union League Club yesterday with further consideration of the operators' case. They continued to refute the nineteen demands submitted by the miners for increased wages and improved working hours and conditions.

The operators will submit a new wage agreement this week, it is expected, calling for a cut of 15 to 20 per cent.

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